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SUBJECT: MEETING OF FIVE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

1. FRG AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY HE HAD RECEIVED VOLUMINOUS REPORT FROM BONN CONCERNING RESULTS OF RECENTLY-CONCLUDED MEETING OF FIVE WITH SOUTH AFRICANS IN SOUTH AFRICA. REPORT, HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH WRITTEN IN FORM OF AN INSTRUCTION, DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY TELL HIM TO DO ANYTHING WITH INFO. ON CONTRARY, IN BONN'S OPINION, ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR, WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH INFO DEPENDS UPON DECISION OF FIVE IN NEW YORK, AND AMERICAN CHARGE IN ADDIS SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN DECISION THROUGH AMBASSADOR MCHENRY (WHO GERMANS UNDERSTAND WILL BE BACK IN NEW YORK JUNE 17).

2. FRG AMBASSADOR BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT SOMEONE SHOULD BRIEF OAU SECGEN ETEKI ON RESULTS OF MEETING, ESPECIALLY SINCE A) IT HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN BRIEFED, UN SECGEN WALDHEIM WILL BE BRIEFED ALONG WITH UN NAMIBIA COMMISSION, AND SO WILL SWAPO'S SAM NUJOMA WHEN HE CAN BE FOUND, AND B) THE AMBASSADOR BRIEFED ETEKI ON RESULTS OF FIRST MEETING OF FIVE WITH SOUTH AFRICANS, DURING WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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ETEKI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND HIS HOPE THAT HE COULD BE KEPT INFORMED.

3. I TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON MATTER. I DID AGREE WITH HIM THAT BRIEFING ETEKI WAS GOOD IDEA. I WAS THEREFORE WILLING TO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT AND WOULD LET HIM KNOW.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST RE A) WHETHER DEPT WISHES ETEKI TO BE BRIEFED, B) IF SO, BY WHOM, C) TALKING POINTS. THERE IS URGENCY IN MATTER IF ETEKI IS TO BE BRIEFED HERE SINCE HE WILL BE LEAVING VERY SOON FOR OAU SUMMIT AT LIBREVILLE.

5. COMMENT: IF DEPT AND FIVE THINK BRIEFING ETEKI WOULD BE HELPFUL, IT CLEAR THAT FRG AMBASSADOR HERE WOULD LIKE TO DO HONORS, AND IN ANY CASE, AS NOTED ALREADY HAS LENGHTY INSTRUCTIONS. IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COORDINATED BY FIVE, I WOULD FAVOR LETTING HIM DO IT. IN THIS CASE, FRG AMBASSADOR WOULD PROBABLY NEED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH HIS OWN CHANNELS TELLING HIM TO GO AHEAD ON BEHALF OF FIVE.

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